

FACULTY OF THE HISTORY OF MEDICINE AND PHARMACY

The Faculty of the History of Medicine and Pharmacy of the Worshipful Society of Apothecaries of London held its seventh annual general meeting in Apothecaries' Hall on 30 April 1966. After formally presenting the annual report to members, the Chairman, Dr. W. S. C. Copeman, conferred the Honorary Fellowship of the Faculty on Professor Adalberto Pazzini (Director of the Institute of the History of Medicine at the University of Rome, and President of the International Society for the History of Medicine), and Professor Marcel Florkin (Director of the Institute of Biochemistry at the University of Liège, and President of the International Academy of the History of Medicine). Professor Filippo Donini, Cultural Attaché of the Italian Embassy, and Mr. R. Thissen, Counsellor at the Belgian Embassy, were present at the ceremony as guests of the Faculty.

Immediately following the annual general meeting, Sir George Clark gave the Gideon Delaune Lecture, entitled 'The History of the Medical Profession: Aims and Methods'. The full text of this important lecture is published in this issue of *Medical History*, pages 213–20.

The proceedings concluded with the annual Founder Members' Dinner in Apothecaries' Hall. Among the guests on this occasion were Sir George Clark, Sir Arthur Porritt (Master of the Worshipful Society of Apothecaries), Mr. H. C. Edwards and Dr. H. M. Sinclair (Wardens of the Worshipful Society of Apothecaries), Sir John Richardson, Dr. Kenneth Robson (Treasurer, The Royal College of Physicians of London), Professor Sir John McMichael, Professor Adalberto Pazzini and Professor Marcel Florkin (Honorary Fellows), and representatives of three of the Faculty's Institutional Members.

The Faculty's Osler Lecture, which is an annual lecture especially intended for students, was given by Sir Hector MacLennan (President of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists) on 25 May 1966 in Apothecaries' Hall. The subject of the lecture was 'A Gynaecologist looks at the Tudors'. The Maccabaeon Prize and Medal for 1966 was presented at this meeting to Dr. Alasdair Bruce MacGregor, Assistant Lecturer in the Department of Clinical Surgery at the University of Edinburgh, for his essay entitled 'The Search for a Chemical Cure for Cancer'. This will be published in full in *Medical History*.

INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON LEONARDO DA VINCI
University of California, Los Angeles

A symposium on Leonardo da Vinci (2–8 May, 1966) was one of the most important events in the year-long celebrations to mark the opening of the new Dickson Art Center at the University of California, Los Angeles. The subject of this symposium was specially chosen as a means of expressing the university's appreciation to Dr. Elmer Belt for the gift of his Library of Vinciana. This magnificent library is now appropriately installed in the new Dickson Art Center, and will serve as an important source for scholars who continue to explore the limitless genius of Leonardo and the period in which he lived.

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The symposium chairman was Professor C. D. O'Malley, and topics dealt with included the following: 'Leonardo and the Antique' by Sir Kenneth Clark (Great Britain); 'Leonardo da Vinci the Technologist' by Ladislao Reti (Brazil); 'Leonardo da Vinci's Physiology of the Senses' by Dr. Kenneth Keele (Great Britain); 'The Patrons of Leonardo da Vinci' by André Chastel (France); 'The Form of Movement in Water and Air' by Prof. E. H. Gombrich (Great Britain). Professor James Ackerman, of the Department of Fine Arts, Harvard University, gave the concluding address.

The proceedings of the symposium are to be published shortly by the University of California Press.

FOLK MEDICINE, MAGIC AND WITCHCRAFT

The Department of Arts and Humanities, University of California Extension, Los Angeles, in co-operation with the Center for the Study of Comparative Folklore and Mythology, recently organized a new course. Entitled 'Folk Medicine, Magic and Witchcraft', it comprised a unique series of lectures given by experts from representative universities and colleges in Southern California. The programme was co-ordinated by Wayland D. Hand, Director of U.C.L.A.'s well-known Center for the Study of Comparative Folklore and Mythology. Dr. Hand is soon to spend three months in the Wellcome Historical Medical Museum in London, where he will work on the Museum's large collection of folk-lore materials.

The course included lectures on the following topics: 'Temple Healing in Antiquity' by Professor C. D. O'Malley; 'Chaucer and Alchemy' by Albert Friedman; 'Magical Transfer and Divestment of Disease' by Wayland D. Hand; 'Astrology' by Gibson Reaves; and 'Medical Traditions in the Indo-European World' by Jaan Puhvel.

AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF THE HISTORY OF PHARMACY

The Edward Kremers Award for distinguished pharmaco-historical writing by an American will be conferred upon Dr. Sami K. Hamarneh, Curator, Division of Medical Sciences, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D. C. The President of the American Institute of the History of Pharmacy, William H. Helfand of Philadelphia, will present the award to Hamarneh during the Institute's 25th Anniversary Luncheon at the annual meeting of the American Pharmaceutical Association at Dallas, Texas.

Hamarneh receives the award 'for his meticulous scholarship and important revisionary interpretations concerning the history of pharmacy in Islamic culture.' As exemplifying this contribution, the Institute's Committee on Awards cited 'The Rise of Professional Pharmacy in Islam,' published in *Medical History*, 1962, 6; 59-66. The Committee also pointed to Hamarneh's steadily growing contribution to the history of pharmacy in the form of numerous bibliographical and historical articles of high merit relating to Islamic pharmacy, including his book (with Glenn Sonnedecker as co-author) *A Pharmaceutical View of Abulcasis al-Zahrawi in Moorish Spain* (Leiden, 1963).

An American born in Jordan, Hamarneh earned his B.S. degree in pharmacy at the Syrian University at Damascus. He subsequently received his M.S. degree from the School of Pharmacy at North Dakota Agricultural College, and his Ph.D. (with a